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## Early confirmations

In the March "Who's Who": "Robert M. Gates, the new head of the CIA.... (emphasis supplied)? Do I suspect a "Dewey-Truman" or "Wilson-Hughes" cousin?

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The editors reply:

Our policy in the "Who's Who" section is to report nominations, because they are rarely withdrawn and are almost always confirmed. When one is withdrawn or not confirmed, we are embarrassed of course, but we try to report it in the next issue.